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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: George Eng
MICHIHIRO IZUMI ET AL.	)	
	:	Art Unit: 2643
Appln. No.: 09/973,056	)	
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Filed: October 10, 2001	)	
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For: COMMUNICATION	)	
APPARATUS	:	January 17, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action of August 24, 2005, to January 24, 2006. A check in the amount of \$450.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim amendments begin on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 8.